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Curbside Yard Waste Collection Starts Next Week

It's that time of year when New Englanders take up a traditional past time - raking leaves. And with a lot of leaves on the ground, the Department of Public Works will begin the curbside collection of yard waste on November 7.

Curbside collection of yard waste will take place the weeks of November 7 and November 14 and resume the week after Thanksgiving. Republic Services will bring the yard waste to the town's Compost Center.

In addition, the Compost Center at 108 Carlisle Road will be open on Saturday November 5 and November 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Wednesday November 2, November 16 and November 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bedford's compost center accepts leaves, grass clippings, flowering plants, pine needles and garden trimmings.

For the curbside collection, residents should place the yard waste out in tall paper bags or open barrels with no lids on Monday. Any yard waste in plastic bags will be left behind.

"We ask that the yard waste be kept separate from your trash carts and recycling containers," said Ed McGrath, Bedford's Recycling Coordinator. "Put the yard waste out on Monday. Republic will be coming around at various times during the week."

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Residents bringing yard waste to the compost center can use plastic bags but the bags must be emptied and taken home for disposal or reuse. Residents can also bring tree branches and put them in the brush pile.

In past years, Bedford collected yard waste curbside for four weeks in the fall. McGrath said he scheduled the fall collection for three weeks and added a curbside collection in April.

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